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Last week, Westland voters favored the field of incumbents as they narrowed the field of candidates who will go on to compete in the general election on Nov. 2.

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Lawsuit claims city violated resident's civil rights

A Wayne resident found not-guilty of criminal charges leveled by city officials has filed a lawsuit seeking punitive damages against the City of Wayne, City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Police Chief Ryan Strong and Police Lt. Finley Carter.

Mark B. Blackwell, through his attorney Timothy E. Galligan, is demanding a jury trial to adjudicate his claims that the defendants violated his first, fourth and fourteenth rights under the U.S. Constitution. He is asking "actual, special, punitive and or exemplary damages" along with interest, costs, reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees in an unspecified amount as compensation for their actions.

This is the second lawsuit filed against the city and Nocerini in the last month.

> *The adverse actions of the defendants, Blackwell claims, subjected him to criminal prosecution and deprivation of liberty.*

In court documents, Blackwell, a long-time resident of the city, cites comments he made at a Jan. 8, 2019 public meeting of the Wayne City Council urging the members to "review and follow the recommendations of an employment expert." He details the problems the expert's report found, especially with the actions of Nocerini. He says he urged the council members at the meeting to follow the explicit recommendations of the independent report and terminate Nocerini.

Council members took no action on the report, prepared by Richard Hurford, which included interviews with 17 city employees and the review of hundreds of documents. In his more than 32-page report, Hurford determined that the city workforce suffered from poor morale; that there was a failure of leadership by Nocerini; that a perception of favoritism by Nocerini toward certain employees was prevalent; that there was an absence of trust between the city management team and city council; that the city management team, led by Nocerini, was not performing as a high functioning team and that the status quo could not be sustained long term.

Blackwell also urged the elected officials to take note of the resignations of numerous city employees due to the cited morale issues. He recommended that officials follow Hurford's Aug. 8, 2018 report and terminate Nocerini's employment during the public meeting Jan. 8, 2019, according to his court filings.

Blackwell claims that in retaliation for his public comments at the meeting, Nocerini used her influence and position as city manager to have him criminally investigated by the police department and subsequently charged with disturbing a public meeting and criminal stalking. The court documents claim Nocerini made numerous unsubstantiated complaints to police

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Inn at St. John's property in Plymouth sold to Pulte

While terms of the sale were not disclosed, the long-rumored sale of The Inn at St. John's property in Plymouth has been confirmed.

After months of speculation, the Archdiocese of Detroit announced that hotel, golf course, banquet center and other land along Five Mile road between Northville and Sheldon roads has been sold to Pulte Family Management SJ LLC.

The former St. John's Catholic Seminary originally opened in 1948 and housed and educated priests until it was closed by the Archdiocese in 1988.

The late William Pulte was a member of the group of Catholic business owners who worked to develop the former seminary campus into the current golf course, hotel configuration.

"The Inn at St. John's was near and dear to my father's heart," said Mark Pulte, William Pulte's son, in a news release announcing the sale. "He was honored to work with Cardinal Maida on the transformation of this beautiful property and to have played a role in its success. When the Archdiocese expressed interest in selling the property, my father's estate was a natural choice. They knew that it would be in good hands."

Inn at St. John's

According to the prepared statement, the St. John's hotel, conference rooms and reception centers along with the golf course will remain in operation. The Archdiocese is expected to lease the chapel space from Pulte to allow for weddings at the venue.

"This purchase is yet another example of the Pulte family's longstanding commitment to southeast Michigan and the local church in Detroit," said Archbishop of Detroit Allen Vigneron in a statement.

"The decision to sell was motivated in part by the considerable challenges of a Catholic organization operating a hotel conference center - especially during the pandemic - so we are grateful that Pulte Family Management SJLLC has stepped forward to purchase the property and operate it going forward, ensuring its continued legacy and value in the local community."

Northville Township Police Department earns accreditation

Northville Township Manager and Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler received some good news recently.

He was notified that the Northville Township Police Department achieved one of the most prestigious designations in law enforcement: accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®).

This important designation verifies the department meets or excels at best practices of law enforcement standards, Mutchler explained. Only 11 of the 583 police agencies in Michigan and only 4 percent of more than 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide have achieved accreditation, a process that typically takes three years to complete. Northville Township was able to complete it in two years, Mutchler noted.

Concurrently, the department also achieved the CALEA Public Safety Communications Accreditation, a separate process but one just as rigorous. Northville Township is one of two public safety answering points (PSAP) in the state out of 136 such call centers to achieve this accreditation. The township PSAP receives emergency and non-emergency calls for Northville Township and the City of Northville.

> *Every member of our department has played a key role in this extensive process.*

CALEA accreditation is a voluntary process that requires agencies to carefully examine and improve itself, and then submit reports showing compliance with the programs' standards. The process provides for a high level of transparency and commitment, followed by an objective critique of the police department's policies, procedures, and operating standards, according to the organization website.

"The men and women of the Northville Township Police Department are driven to serve our community with professionalism while continuously improving," Northville Township Police Chief Paul Tennies said. "This process promotes transparency while validating these commitments to those who live and visit Northville Township."

Agencies must stand for reaccreditation every four years.

"Every member of our department has played a key role in this extensive process," Mutchler said. "We thank them for their hard work in achieving this prestigious designation."

The biggest winner in this process is the community, Mutchler said. "The department is operating under the highest standards and that's reflected in our relationship with the community, with other government bodies and other agencies. The CALEA designation verifies this and demonstrates that we are always looking for ways to improve our service and by doing so, we are building trust as we protect and serve."

Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees will formally recognize the CALEA reaccreditation at a future meeting.

CALEA is an independent nationally accrediting authority formed in 1979 by four major law enforcement membership associations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the National Sheriff's Association (NSA), and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

Sumpter

Forgotten Harvest effort aids township families

The first Sumpter Township Forgotten Harvest food distribution was successful, but officials hope that more community residents will take advantage of the program.

During the July 27 meeting of the board of trustees, Township Finance Director Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole reported that the effort was able to distribute food to 85 households, or enough to serve 245 individuals.

She said that Forgotten Harvest personnel had prepared 180 boxes of food for distribution on July 26, and that they were hoping to reach more people in need in the township.

A third food distribution is set for 2:30 until 4:30 Aug. 23 at the Sumpter Community Center, 25501 Sumpter Road.

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Forgotten Harvest has been fighting hunger and waste for more than three decades, according to the organization website. Volunteers from the organization retrieve surplus food from grocery stores, markets, restaurants, caterers and others and then deliver it, free-of-charge, to emergency food providers. The group also grows fresh food at Forgotten Harvest Farms, which is distributed to those in need. Food from the organization helps those who are food-insecure and struggling to cover the cost of basic necessities and bridge the income gap.

The mission of the organization is to relieve hunger and prevent the waste of nutritious food.

Pay scale for elected officials adjusted by trustees

Sumpter Township officials took one step closer to returning to "normal" following the pandemic with the reinstatement of the former pay scale for elected officials during an in-person meeting last month.

During the July 27 meeting, members of the board approved four resolutions adjusting pay scales in the township. Township Supervisor Tim Bowman's pay was set at $38,000, the same amount paid to former Supervisor John Morgan, according to officials. The annual salaries of Township Clerk Esther Hurst and Township Treasurer Vincent Warren were set at $30,000 each, increased from $19,019.

The salaries of trustees Don LaPorte, Peggy Morgan, Matthew Oddy and Tim Rush were set at $22,000 each.

The increases to the salaries of the officials, all who serve in part-time positions, was the first increase since 2002, more than 19 years, according to Bowman who presented the resolutions for approval. The increase was also approved by Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole who also serves as the financial director for the township.

Trustees said the pay scale is more in line with current standards and the current hourly wages paid to part-time employees in the township. The lowest paid part-time hourly wage in the township is now at $21.08, which at 20 hours would be about $21,000 a year, explained Oddy in a later interview.

"This is just a way to bring everyone up to scale," he said.

Approval was unanimous by the trustees with Hurst and LaPorte excused from the meeting.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:09 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Clerk E. Hurst excused, with full respect and deepest condolences, Treasurer vacant. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 7 attendees.

***Supervisor Bowman called for a moment of silence with respect, prayers and condolences to his family, due for the passing of our Sumpter Township Treasurer, Mr. James C. Clark.

3. Agenda: Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling: $82,547.18. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:

- A big Thank You to Sumpter's own BooyaQ BBQ, with sponsorship from Hogz Backyard BBQ, Shiggin' Aint Easy BBQ and Sumpter Ace Hardware for providing boxed lunches to our firefighters this past Saturday. Cooking was done by Jeff and Terresa Georgic of BooyaQ and Buddy Hammett. I stopped by the Fire Department and it was a wonderful sight to see. I have it on excellent authority that the food was delicious.
- I would like to take the time to read a letter from Supervisor McNamara that was sent to me. We are proud of our Sumpter Township firefighters and are honored to be of mutual aid to our neighbors. I appreciate Supervisor McNamara and Fire Chief McInally taking the time to acknowledge the assistance.
- I'd like to call upon my Deputy to provide some pivotal information pertaining to the Township's DPW in regards to the retirement of the Water Superintendent. Deputy O'Connell advised of the immediate temporary need to secure the S2 Certification standards to ensure compliance of the Sumpter Township Water & Wastewater Operations by the Board approving the direct reporting of the current consenting S2 License Holder, Michael Petrowski, to the Township Supervisor, including Water Operations & Utility Billing. Supervisor Bowman requested an approval motion.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 17%	Insurance matters 2%,
Township Board meetings 5%	Meeting with Twp Officials 7%
Water & Sewer 5%,	Police, Fire 14%
Prosecutions 8%	Ordinance & Blight 6%
Labor Contract/LOU 5%	Employee Contract Issues 6%,
Republic 0%	Planning 5%
Library 1%	Parks & Recreation 2%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 3%	Board Direction 6%
Audit/Finance 1%	Misc. 6%

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police Report – Chief Luke:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report – Bowman:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report – Chief Luke:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Oddy wanted to provide his condolences once again to the Clark family. The Oddy family has known Jim Clark for 40 years and he had the pleasure of working together with Mr. Clark in 2008. Mr. Clark provided a lot of guidance when Trustee Oddy was a new member of the Planning Commission. Jim Clark will be sorely missed and he hopes the Clark family finds peace.
- Trustee Rush remembers that when he first moved into Sumpter Township in 1990, Mr. Clark was the Building Inspector. Mr. Clark assisted with a number of recommendations in the property development and a number of major upgrades. Trustee Rush extended his condolences to the Family. What a loss to Sumpter Township. Jim Clark will be missed.
- Supervisor Bowman shared that for the short time he knew Mr. Clark he found him to be a great man. Mr. Bowman extended his sympathy.
- Trustee Morgan expressed that she's known Mr. Jim & Toni Clark for a long time and that his passing is very sad and quite a shock. This township is really going to miss him and what he had to offer A very good man. Supervisor Bowman agreed.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to accept the recommendation from the Sumpter Township Planning Commission to amend a special land use permit at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting of May 13, 2021 to divide the existing 9.50 acres of land into two (2) separate parcels consisting of 5.037 acres and 4.463 acres. The subject special land use amendment is for 50425 Bemis Road., Belleville, MI 48111. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

- Chief Luke wanted to also thank you BooyaQ BBQ, the Georgics, along with Hogz Backyard BBQ, Shiggin' Aint Easy and Sumpter Ace Hardware for their 2nd year of support. The Board Members have routinely been a support and Police and Fire can't thank them enough. And, of course, the great BBQ! We sincerely hope they know how much this is appreciated and how much they do for us. Trustee Rush adds this was the 2nd Annual with even bigger plans for next year's event!
- Deputy Burdick, on behalf of Clerk E. Hurst thanked Zywicki's Greenhouse for the potted plant arrangements placed at the Township Hall's entrance.
- Trustee Morgan inquired on the next steps for Forgotten Harvest and Deputy O'Connell advised that arrangements are in process and, once finalized, will be announced and published.

15. Open Floor: No Attendee spoke.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ Date _____

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor _____ Date _____

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.
Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:22 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer V. Warren (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 10 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda with the following edits;
Remove in entirety: New Business, Item B.
Strike: New Business, Item F.
"and to tentatively award a construction contract to Hennessey Engineers for drinking water system improvements and"
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the following Meeting & Commission Minutes;

- Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021.
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021.
- HR Committee Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021.
- Planning Commission Minutes of May 13, 2021.
- Planning Commission Minutes of March 11, 2021.
- Planning Commission Minutes of February 11, 2021.

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants total of $126,634.93. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:

- Trustee Rush reported that unfortunately, due to the virus effects over the past year, there has been minor activity, at best, to report. There's been difficulty in conducting meeting for the lack of quorum, which is 9.
- The balance of the parks' signs were received and an email will be forthcoming, once again, soliciting volunteers to support the effort. Thanks to Supervisor Bowman and his "excavator" for his support!

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

8. Receive & File:
Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to receive and file the following Reports;

- Water & Sewer Report
- Planning & Zoning Report
- Senior Report
- Treasurer's Report

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Oddy requested to allow those reporters to address the residents, if they chose. Supervisor Bowman agreed.

Treasurer Warren addressed the Meeting Attendees, advised of his department's current transition, staff cohesiveness, Deputy Treasurer recruiting efforts and moving his department forward. He further stated that he expected to have a full Treasurer's Report at the next meeting.

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Rush advises that the Township is currently in peak storm season and asks that residents review the Siren Protocol and StormReady information.
- Clerk Hurst advised that, due to the recent elimination of virus restrictions & accommodations, the Board needs to address approval to remove all signage, suspend the COVID Response & Preparedness Plan, end all remote work assignments and return to pre-COVID conditions.

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to begin in-person public Township Meetings, suspend and remove all COVID operating conditions & restrictions. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the of the recommendation by the Sumpter Township Planning Commission for the PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) to; Section 2.2: Definitions of the Township Zoning Ordinance; Section 5.8. - Home Businesses and Article 9: Signs. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried. Trustee LaPorte abstained.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of the resignation with regrets of police officer Joseph Hogan, effective 6/25/2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Curtis Lundsford as a paid, on-call firefighter, contingent on him passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Ronald Jeffries as a paid, on-call firefighter, contingent on him passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of Resolution # 2021-10 and ~~to tentatively award a construction contract to Hennessey Engineers for drinking water system improvements~~ and DWRF Water Main Replacement Program. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to hire PATRICK DERVISHI as a full-time police officer on the condition he passes a physical, drug screening and psychological evaluation and approval to start at the six-month pay scale. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of the HR Committee recommendation, and preparation of an employment contract, to appoint a fulltime Fire Department Chief, **Rick Brown**, at a base salary of $58,240.00 plus township benefits without medical reimbursement. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

14. Announcements:

- Trustee Morgan advised that she received an email from Forgotten Harvest referencing the program for Sumpter Township and advised of the initial dates for the activities and that she was happy to have this for the residents. Deputy Supervisor O'Connell advise further of the program details.

15. Open Floor: Two (2) Attendees spoke.
16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ Date _____

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor _____ Date _____

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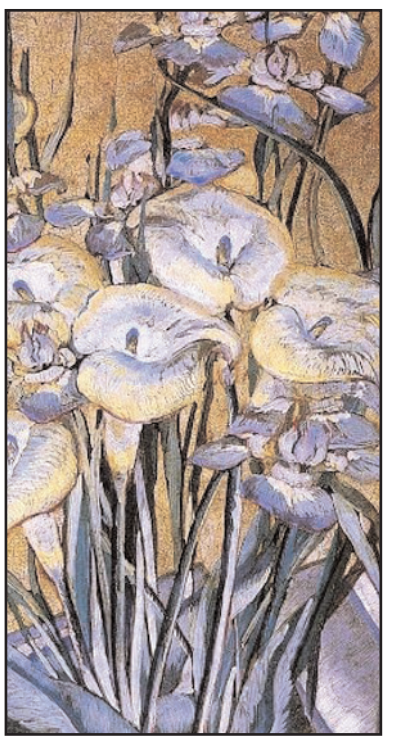
INKSTER - ROMULUS

Art masterpieces now on display throughout city

The Detroit Institute of Arts Inside Out installations in Romulus are now complete and available for public viewing.

Currently, reproductions of DIA masterpiece works are on public exhibit outside at Boice Park, Romulus City hall, the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC), at Romulus Historical Park and at the Romulus Senior Center.

The painting on Boice Parkway is a reproduction of Chevy by Edwin Henry Landseer; a William Maw Egley painting titled Talking Oak is mounted near the bathrooms at Romulus Historical Park on Hunt Street and A Day in June, by George Wesley Bellows is on display at Romulus City Hall at 11111 Wayne Road. Mexican Pueblo by Jose Clementa Orozco is on display at the left of the entrance to the Romulus Library at 11121 Wayne Road and Irises and Calla Lilies by Maria Oakley Dewing can be viewed at the entrance to the Romulus Senior Center at 36525 Bibbins.



Irises and Calla Lilies

A Day in June

Talking Oak

At the Romulus Athletic Center, a reproduction of Still Life: A Letter Rack by Edwart Collyer can be viewed on the red wall near the bike rack at 35765 Northville Road.

Inside Out brings reproductions of great art treasures into local communities each year. The paintings usually remain on display through October.

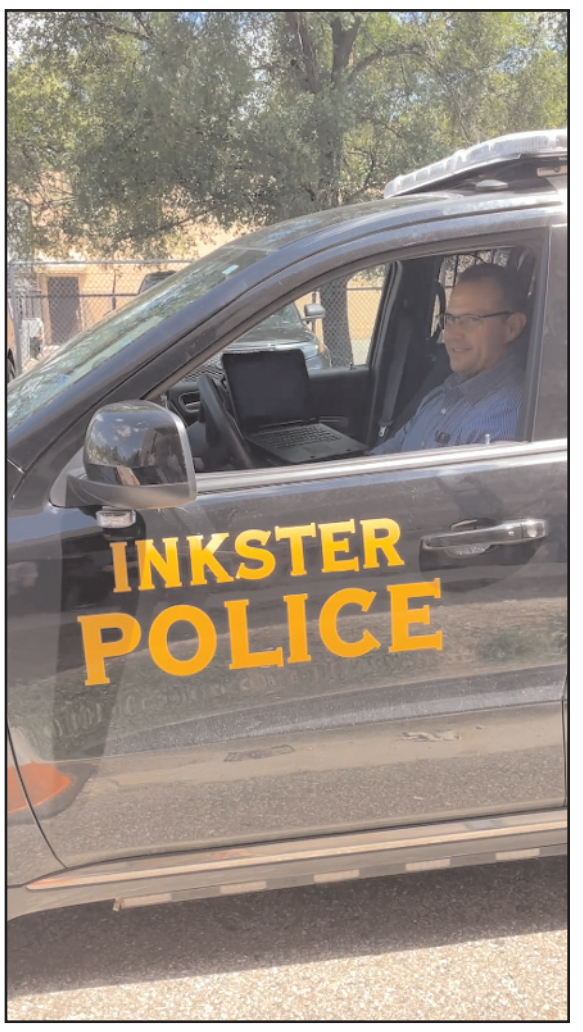
During a recent meeting of the Romulus City Council members, Councilwoman Tina Talley said she had received a call from a local resident who was surprised and pleased to find the painting near his home. She said she had been unaware of the exhibit but was very pleased that Romulus had been chosen to participate in the program.

"More good stuff happening in Romulus," she said.

Councilwoman Eva Webb agreed and said the exhibits allow city residents to appreciate the artwork and could inspire young people in the city.

Last call

Inkster Police Det. Lt. Jeffrey Smith performed his "last call" July 9 before officially beginning his retirement. Smith served for more than 27 years with the Inkster Police Department. During his tour of duty Smith moved up the ranks from patrol officer to executive lieutenant and oversaw both patrol and investigations. His commitment to the department extended beyond the day to day operations, officials said. Smith also served as the department SRT Commander and lead firearms instructor. His knowledge, expertise, and leadership helped to guide all of those that he supervised and his legacy will continue on for many years in those that he trained, commented Police Chief William T. Riley. "While he will be sorely missed, everyone at the department hopes that this next chapter is everything he hopes for and he enjoys every minute of retirement," Riley added.



City mourns 'Buck' Carney, 45

Members of the Romulus City Council unanimously adopted a memorial resolution honoring the life of Gerald Lee "Buck" Carney who died July 23

Mr. Carney, 45, was a long-time Romulus employee and well-known throughout the community. He was born May 22, 1976.

In formerly adopting the resolution, Councilman William Wadsworth noted that "Big Buck, as I called him, was a fine example of the workers who keep this city going. Big Buck was a good, good man." His sentiments were echoed by other members of the council and by city Treasurer Stacy Paige who said that "to know Buck was to love him. You could see what a good man he was in his relationship with his wife and with everyone else. In my opinion, the world would be a better place with more Bucks in it."

Council president John Barden recalled Mr. Carney as "a first-class person. He will be missed."

Gerald "Buck" Carney

Mr. Carney is survived by his wife Laura; his mother, Beverly; his in-laws, Michael and Connie Caltabiano; a brother, Frankie Carney; sisters-in-law Angela Caltabiano and Danielle Gibson along with many loving family members and a host of dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bill Gibson and his father, Jerry Carney.

Mr. Carney was a member of the Teamsters Union and was an active member of Bethany Bible Church.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council Chairperson, Tina Talley.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: John Barden
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-197** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Roscoe **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Council Chairperson**
   Res. #21-198 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mary Ilene Kelly. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #21-199 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Sherilyn Gail Thick. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #21-200** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration to adopt the revised Engineering Standards Manual and Detail Sheets. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
   B. **Res. #21-201** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt The Senior Alliance 2022 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-202** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 21/22-1 for fire fleet upgrades to recognize the lease to purchase Fire Rescue #2. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. ~~Public Hearing request by TIFA Director Merrie Druyor for August 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.~~ **Amended to strike from agenda**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
8. **Public Comment -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
9. **Unfinished Business -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
10. **New Business -** None
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #21-203** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant #: 21-13 Checks presented in the amount of $754,103.83. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
12. **Communication -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 12, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 26, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Roger Kadau - Co-Director of Cable

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-204** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy** Abdo to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Abstain: Barden **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #21-205 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gerald Lee "Buck" Carney. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   Presented by Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko.
   A. **Res. #21-206** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for road closures for the Romulus Community Baptist Church (6200 Fourth Street) annual picnic on August 28, 2021. Subject streets include Boise walkway and Colorado Street from Fourth Street to the church property line. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-207** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and consent to Piggyback on the Florida Sheriffs Association Contract FSA20-VEF14.01 with Excellence Inc., for the purchase of a 2021 Ford E-450 Ambulance Demo in the amount of $217,740.18. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-208** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-3 to recognize the funds being received from the Companion Animal Welfare Fund Grant and the associated expenditures.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Animal Control				
Revenue				
101-430-530.000-CAWF21	Companion Animal Welfare Fund	$-	$ 4,376.00	$ 4,376.00
Expense				
101-430-730.000-CAWF21	Operating Supplies	$-	$500.00	$500.00
101-430-960.000-CAWF22	Operating Supplies	$-	$3,376.00	$3,376.00
101-430-880.000-CAWF23	Operating Supplies	$-	$500.00	$500.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #21-209** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-1 Motor Vehicle Public Safety in the amount of $217,740.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** MML Annual Meeting Notice **"No action needed"**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #21-210** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-14 Checks presented in the amount of $2,213,842.57 **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication -** Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 26, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Northville

New principal appointed at Moraine Elementary

When students at Moraine Elementary School return to in-person classes next month, they will be greeted by a new principal.

Members of the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved a one-year contract with Joseph Reimann who will serve as principal at the school for the 2021-2022 school year.

> *"I am honored to join the Moraine staff and the Northville Public Schools.*

Reimann joins Northville Public Schools from Grosse Ile Township Schools where he taught music education, including band, across the pre K-12 grades (primarily at middle school) for 10 years before moving into elementary administration in 2016. He has served as principal at Meridian Elementary and Parke Lane Elementary. During his time as principal, Reimann focused on three areas of improvement, including student-focused advocacy, instructional leadership and community connection. In each of these areas of focus he established a character development program, supported teacher-led learning and led a Parent Book Club.

Throughout his career, Reimann has been committed to continuous learning and acquiring Google certification, attending leadership conferences, and connecting with educators nationwide. This dedication to personal and professional growth has provided him the expertise in building school-community partnerships and developing a leadership culture that empowers and supports students, district officials said. Reimann's background aligns with and will continue to foster the growth-mindset culture at Moraine that is a pillar of the legacy of Principal Dr. Denise Bryan who is retiring after 14 years as principal at Moraine.

"Mr. Reimann emerged as an exceptional candidate with 15 years of combined administrative, teaching, and counseling experience dedicated to developing a staff, empowering student leadership and engaging a school community," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "His commitment to cultivating a culture of learning, valuing positive relationships, and working toward a shared vision resonated with the input received from the Moraine school community and with Northville Public Schools administration."

"I recently had the opportunity to tour Moraine Elementary and it is amazing to see how student leadership has had such a positive impact on the entire school. After talking with staff and some Northville families, it is clear that our community is committed to character education, world-class opportunities, and high expectations. What has been most impressive as I've learned more about Moraine and Northville is that students have a voice in their school community - they are active in making their environment a better place for learning and leading. I am honored to join the Moraine staff and the Northville Public Schools," Reimann said.

Reimann earned his undergraduate degree at Central Michigan University and later returned to CMU for a master's degree in school counseling before earning his administration credential through Eastern Michigan University in 2015.

Joseph Reimann

Reimann lives in Beverly Hills with his wife of 12 years, Mandy, and three children, Ellie, 8, Lydia, 6, and Joey, 4.

Beautification winners are named

The City of Northville and Northville Township chose 50 local businesses and civic organizations to receive beautification awards this year.

A spokesman noted that the annual awards are presented by members of the City of Northville Beautification Commission and the Northville Township Beautification Commission.

City Beautification Commission Chairwoman Diane Pittaway and member Liliana Miyahara, accompanied by Mayor Brian Turnbull, delivered signs to some of the honorees on July 20. Certificates will be delivered in person at a later date since the traditional September luncheon hosted in September is postponed another year due to pandemic precautions.

During a meeting last month, the Northville City Council members renewed the tenure of six commission members for another three years. The newest member, Krista Foley-Siefert was appointed last month. New officers of the commission include as Sue Marie Klimek, co-chair; Carol Pankow, secretary and Callie Milroy, treasurer.

The commission requires regular attendance for a quorum in voting on decisions and actions.

The goal of the beautification commission is to continue to enhance more areas of the city that need maintenance, Pittaway said. She added that there "is no such thing as no maintenance." While they plant the downtown area with ornamental annuals, other areas are landscaped with native plants and shrubs whenever possible, using organic gardening practices, she said.

"Always, we are looking out for the environmental welfare of our community," said Pittaway. "We appreciate the business owners and volunteers who commit their time, effort, and resources to enhance our surroundings."

Mario, of Marathon Gas Station on South Main, proudly receives recognition for his landscaped gardens.

Adorn Fine Flowers co-owner Alicia Racine, pictured with Mayor Brian Turnbull, accepts the award from the Beautification Commission.

Mayor Brian Turnbull and Liliana Miyahara plant an award sign at the Yerkes' House garden in Mill Race Village.

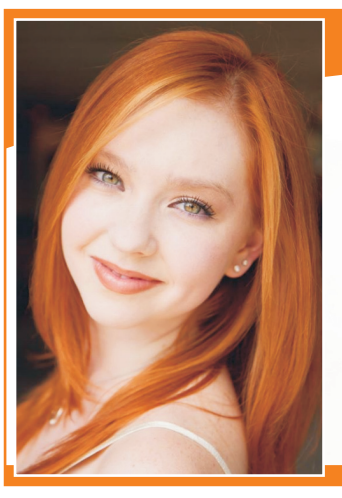
Dairy Queen plan is approved

Who doesn't need a chocolate-dipped, double-twist vanilla at 11 p.m. after a long hard day of Zoom meetings?

Members of the Northville Township Planning Commission heard plans for a new Dairy Queen on Five Mile Road which would offer drive through service until 11 p.m. during the summer months and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. during cooler months. While those hours concerned some members of the commission, worried about the impact on nearby residential areas, commissioners approved the plan on a 4-2 vote with hours limited to 10:30 p.m.

The new location at 40570 Five Road includes a building next to George's 5 Barrel Liquor & Market and would include inside seating, tables and chairs outside and the drive through window.

Todd Haidous who proposed the plan to the commissioners the hours were important to the business as was the drive-through window especially during the COVID safety restrictions. Haidous also operates Dairy Queen locations in Dearborn, Hillsdale, Coldwater and Angola, Indiana.



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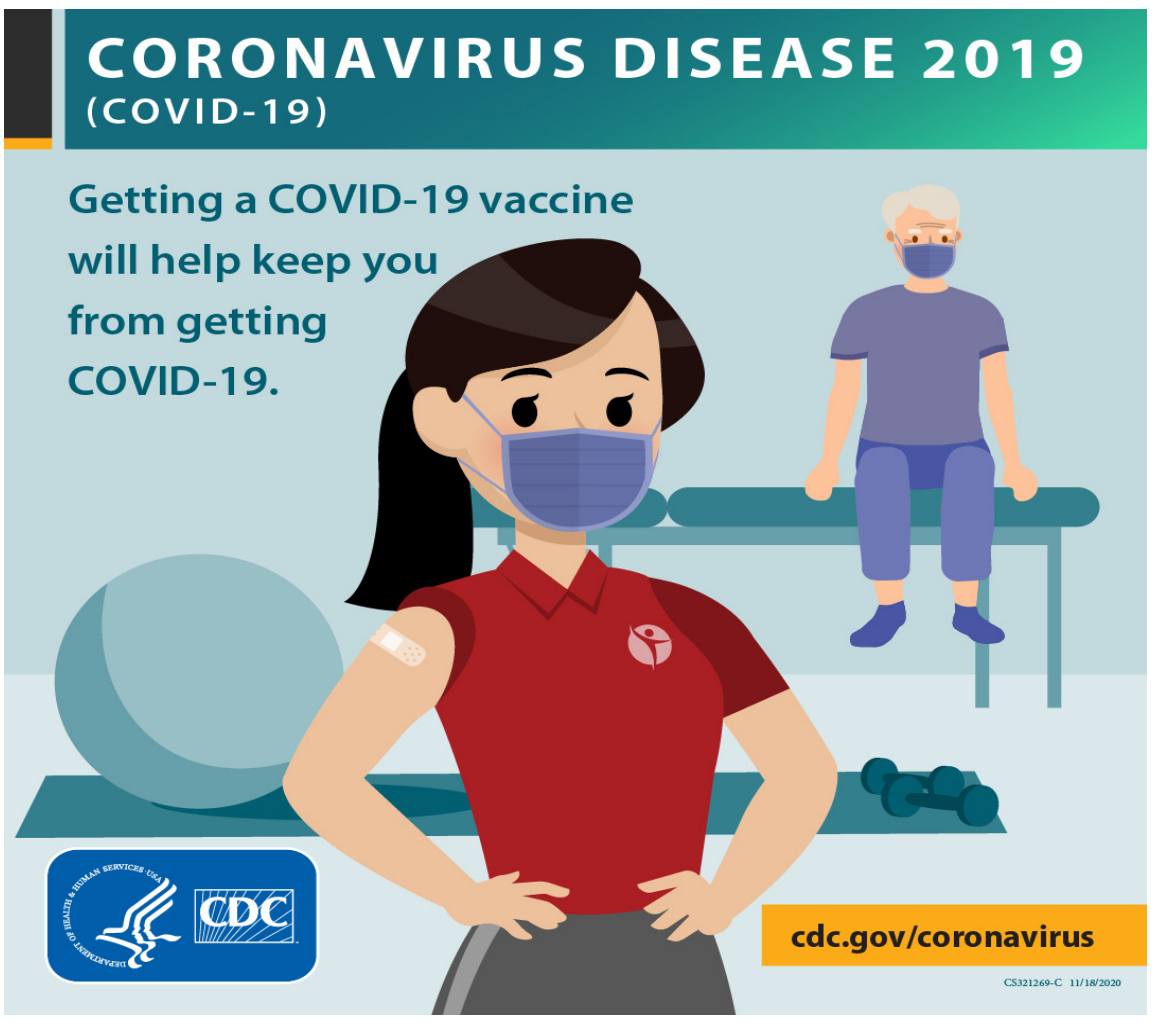

CANTON

Canton awarded grant for firefighter safety

The Canton Township Fire Department will receive a $129,163 federal grant to fund the implementation of a health and wellness program to help keep firefighters safe.

The grant will be funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and was announced recently by Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.

The Canton Township award was among a total of $800,000 in grant funding announced for southeast Michigan fire departments.

"Our firefighters in southeast Michigan put their lives on the line to protect our families, homes, and communities," said Stabenow. "These new resources will give our first responders the equipment they need to better serve the public and do their jobs more safely and effectively."

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"It is critical that firefighters and first responders have the resources necessary to do their jobs safely and effectively," said Peters, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "This grant will help ensure that first responders across southeast Michigan have the equipment and support they need to respond to emergencies and continue protecting the families in their communities."

Brews, Brats and Bands set at Cady-Boyer Barn

The barn may have been destroyed by fire, but preparations are still under way for the 11th Annual Brews, Brats, & Bands at the Barn fundraising event set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 in Preservation Park.

While the previous location of the event, the Cady-Boyer Barn was destroyed by fire last month, event planners are confident that the scenic location of Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, will remain the perfect backdrop for the popular fall event.

"This event has always been affectionately known as B4 because it was 'Brews, Brats, and Bands at the Barn,' and it will remain so even without the physical barn," said Gregg King, Canton facility services supervisor and fundraiser organizer. "Year after year, it's been an honor to host this annual fall tradition, but this year will be even more special and bittersweet with the barn no longer there."

Proceeds from this unique beer tasting event sponsored by Canton Leisure Services; Holiday Market; Liberty Street Brewing Co.; Canton Brew Works; Beerfests.com; Alphagraphics; Choice Insurance Agency; Edward Jones Investments, and Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency, Inc. will support the Canton Historical Society.

Admission includes seven drink tickets each good for a 4-ounce beer tasting sample. Attendees will be able to choose from more than 50 different craft and specialty beers from throughout the country. Brats with all the fixings will also be included with admission, as well as a keepsake beer tasting mug. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening by: "Standing Room Only," performing classic Rock hits and "All Directions," playing popular Rhythm and Blues standards.

Tickets are $30 if purchased before Sept. 10 and $40 at the door and are available for puchase online at www.beerfests.com. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park at 46000 Summit Parkway, as well as the Canton Farmers Market at 500 N. Ridge Road. Designated Driver tickets are also available for $10. Additional beer tasting tickets are available for purchase; receive four additional tickets for just $5.

For more information on the 11th annual Brews, Brats, & Bands at the Barn, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 394-5314.

Fish story

Canton Township officials are currently investigating an influx of dozens of dead fish recently discovered in Heritage Park ponds. Unusually high numbers of rainbow trout, bluegill, and other varieties of fish have recently died off and Canton officials are working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to investigate. The cause of the deaths has not yet been determined, they said, noting that to date no chemicals were used in the treatment of these ponds, ruling that out as a possible cause. Staff members will continue to monitor the situation and work with state agencies to explore possible causations, as well as to determine possible speedy solutions, officials said. For additional information, contact the Canton Parks office at (734) 394-5310 or visit www.canton-mi.org/130.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 for the following:

ROOF TOP HVAC REPLACEMENT (SUMMIT & ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS)

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 for the following:

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF CONDENSER UNITS AT HUMAN SERVICE CENTER

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - August 31, 2021

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 31, 2021 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the Township's 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long-range planning for the Township. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, provide their comments and ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, and on the Township's website beginning August 12, 2021 at www.twp.northville.mi.us. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 to consider a request to amend the Mill Ridge PUD Agreement to allow Cape Cod floor plans in addition to the ranch units offered in this development.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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Sumpter Township
Virtual Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Belleville, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Belleville, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Treasurer vacant. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, and 8 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None.

5. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve appointment of Vincent Warren as Sumpter Township Treasurer **effective with his oath of office**. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush and LaPorte, Clerk E. Hurst and Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

6. Open Floor: No attendees spoke.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adjourn at 6:14 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Belleville - Van Buren

Good neighbors
Township businesses repair monument

Van Buren Township has some very good neighbors.

Recently, when one local business owner noticed that the retaining wall at the Van Buren Township monument sign on Belleville Road near Quirk was failing, he took some immediate steps to repair the situation.

Bob Oberdorf from Pioneer Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance told township officials that the failing wall posed a threat not only to the monument sign but also to the well-established trees and other landscaping around it. Oberdorf then donated the hardscape materials and labor necessary to make the repairs. He also enlisted the aid of Richard Yost, Jr. of Yost Sand & Gravel who donated the soil and material necessary to complete the repairs.

Lisa Lothringer, assistant executive director of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, said in a prepared statement that the township was very grateful to both Oberdorf and Yost for the work and their generosity.

> *These two local businesses have demonstrated the true meaning of community.*

"At a time when many small businesses are struggling, these two local businesses have demonstrated the true meaning of community. They have proven the Van Buren Township community is about more than just geography, more than a simple cluster of homes and businesses. Instead, we collectively care for each other, lift one another up, and act together to achieve the greater good," the statement continued."

Lothringer said the DDA was "proud to have Pioneer Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance and Yost Sand & Gravel in our community."

Bob Oberdorf, a right, of Pioneer Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance, and Richard Yost, Jr. of Yost Sand & Gravel, dedicated the materials and labor to repair the Van Buren Township monument retaining wall.

Road repairs now under way

Work began last week on repair and replacement of a section of Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.

Repairs will be on both the northbound and southbound sides of Belleville Road from the south I-94 service road to the bridge entering the City of Belleville, according to officials.

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority submitted a request to Wayne Country for the repairs as a "shovel ready" project early this year. The township was notified, officials said, that the county had approved the project and that the work would begin Aug. 5.

Sections of the roadway have been cut out and the project is expected to be complete in about three weeks, weather dependent.

Officials advised motorists of potential delays in the areas and suggested seeking alternate routes, when possible during the construction.

The need for the repairs was determined by the township engineer looking at the sidewalk repair project in the township.

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, August 31, 2021** for the purpose of considering the following:

1. RZ-2020-002; **Romulus Commerce Park** (NorthPoint Development), a proposed amendment to the City of Romulus Zoning Map to conditionally rezone 171.60 acres from the current designation of RC, Regional Center District to M-1, Light Industrial District - Conditional. The property is located on the south side of Smith Road, the east side of Vining Road, north of Wick Road and includes portions of the following parcels: #80-039-99-0001-706, #80-039-99-0001-707, #80-039-99-0001-708, #80-040-99-0002-713, and #80-040-99-0002-714.

2. SLU-2020-003; **Romulus Commerce Park** (NorthPoint Development), a special land use request to construct 7-9 distribution and warehouse buildings greater than 80,000-q.ft. in size on 171.60 acres of property on the south side of Smith Road, the east side of Vining Road, north of Wick Road which includes portions of the following parcels: #80-039-99-0001-706, #80-039-99-0001-707, #80-039-99-0001-708, #80-040-99-0002-713, and #80-040-99-0002-714.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, September 1, 2021** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2021-012; Michael Dyda, requesting a variance from *Section 3.04(a)3b., Accessory Buildings and Structures* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow an accessory building to exceed 750 SF. A 1,300 SF pole barn is proposed which increases the total accessory building coverage to 1,580 SF. The subject property is zoned R-1B/RCOD, Single-family Residential/Rural Character Overlay District and is located at **39249 Superior** (Parcel ID #80-119-02-0032-000).

2. BZA-2021-013; Corey Symons, requesting a variance from *Section 3.05(a)(2), Fences* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence in the exterior side yard of a corner lot. The petitioner is proposing to replace the existing 4' high chain link fence with a 6' high wood privacy fence along Lynn Dr. which is considered a front yard (or exterior side yard). The subject property is zoned R-1B, Single-family Residential District and is located at **9608 Marc** (Parcel ID #80-062-02-0105-000).

3. BZA-2021-014; Ray's Transport, requesting a variance from *Section 8.04(b)(6)a. Access* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a 39,950 SF distribution facility to have access on Harrison, which is an unimproved gravel road. The ordinance requires that all drives used for truck traffic shall enter and exit to a City road identified as a truck route on the City's Truck Route Map. The subject property is located at **11777 Harrison** (Parcel ID #80-093-99-0054-000).

4. BZA-2021-015; International Outdoor requesting a variance from *Sec. 48-7 of Chapter 48, SIGNS* to allow a two-sided, digital billboard to exceed the height requirement of 45' (60' is proposed); and a variance from *Sec. 48-6(b)(3) of Chapter 48, SIGNS* to allow the billboard to be set back 0' from the front and side property lines where 15' for the front and 10' for the side is required. The subject property is zoned M-2, General industrial District and is located at **35777 Genron Ct.** (Parcel ID #80-125-99-0011-704).

5. TEMP-2021-003; Sheraton Hotel requesting temporary use approval in accordance with *Section 22.03(e), Temporary Uses and Buildings* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow 230 of the 539 parking spaces on the property to be temporarily used for park & fly parking spaces. The subject property is zoned RC, Regional Center and is located at **8000 Merriman** (Parcel ID #80-037-99-0028-710).

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Department of Public Services during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

NOTICE:
This Sumpter Township Board Meeting will be held IN-PERSON, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:10 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 17 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the followingamendment;
Proposed by Supervisor Bowman;
Move the OPEN FLOOR portion of the Meeting Agenda for this and future Regular Board Meetings and COMBINE with AGENDA ITEM #4, PUBLIC COMMENTS. Allowable PUBLIC COMMENT TIME will be 2 minutes. This time offered is for our residents to express their needs to the Board. It is not time provided to debate theBoard and challenge or defame others.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy andRush. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Open Floor:
- No Agenda Item comments were received.
- Six (6) Attendee spoke.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the HR Committee Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling: $237,825.75. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay:None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:
- In an effort to protect and ensure the safety of our Sumpter citizens to the best of our ability,we have put on our website a link that will enable anyone to report a dangerous intersectionwith tall weeds.
- Along those same lines, I'd like to call upon my Deputy to provide some information pertaining to the Township's DPW in regards to assisting with the intersections that impendthe view of traffic.
  Deputy Supervisor O'Connell explained the new link on the Township Website to reportthese issues and the actions to be taken.
- I would like to request a motion and support to approve the advertising and sourcing for the vacancy of: Department of Public Works Superintendent/Director, as outlined to the Board for consideration.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the posting and recruiting of the Township Superintendent/Director of Water, Sewer & Public Works position currently vacant. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan.Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.
- I wanted to give an update on Forgotten Harvest. They shall be in Sumpter on the following Mondays: July 26th, August 9th and August 23rd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (or until food has allbeen distributed). Location of this is across the street at 23501 Sumpter. Volunteers can signup on Forgotten Harvest website under the Sumpter location. We are close to meeting our goal for volunteers.

Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay:None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 10%	Insurance matters 3%,
Township Board meetings 6%	Meeting with Twp Officials 12%
Water & Sewer 7%,	Police, Fire 11%
Prosecutions 9%	Ordinance & Blight 8%
Labor Contract/LOU 7%	Employee Contract Issues 4%,
Republic 2%	Planning 5%
Library 1%	Parks & Recreation 2%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%	Board Direction 5%
Audit/Finance 1%	Misc. 5%

- Discussion on current ELAN Services and Comcast Government Channel 12 and requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, that efforts be made towards researching current contracted services and potential sourcing for replacementservice options.
- Discussion on current Wayne County Right of First Refusal property list and (due to time of response required, no later than 7/23/2021) requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, approve the list of properties be finalized and submitted directly to Wayne County with a follow up notification to the Board at a subsequent Board Meeting.
- Developing a new fire hydrant rental policy and rates on the "saddle device" for resident & agricultural use.
- Review and approval of an Ordinance drafted to add credit card payments to the currentordinance identifying delinquent payments of cash or certified check instruments of payment only and it is requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, approve the Ordinance modification.
- Discussion with Trustee Morgan on current activities relevant to MMFLA.

Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

9. Police Report – Chief Luke:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T.Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None.
Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report – Bowman:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report – Chief Brown:
Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the Fire Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. TrusteeLaPorte excused. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:
- Trustee Morgan advised that she spoke with Cari Ford, Post & Smythe, and Ms. Ford stated that the audit she was currently working on was the normally yearly audit that is performed by her.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to advertise for and hire a parttime employee to work up to 20 hours weekly at the Sumpter Senior/Community Center (CDL-Chauffeur's License required) to support activities, transportation and services to the residents. This is areplacement position; head count neutral and currently in the budget. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Trustee Morgan abstained. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to, as the Interim Deputy Treasurer, pay Ms. Erica Campbell at the temporary hourly compensation of $25.08 per wage hour without additional benefits or medical reimbursement. This will be effective June 28th, 2021 and thiswill not exceed over 29 hours per pay week for more than 5 consecutive work weeks. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

C. No motion or support to approve to opt-in to MMFLA Medical Marihuana Facilities Act Industry. Motion failed.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase the Provident 24-Hour accidental death & dismemberment three (3) year prepaid present policy for the fire department from Burnham & Flower effective July 1, 2021, at a prepaid premium cost of $754.00. Roll call vote:Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to purchase the Provident accident & health (policy #PRCO-92102-MI10257) three (3) year prepaid present installment policy for the firedepartment from Burnham & Flower, a total cost of $14,324.00, (3) equal, yearly installments of $4,950.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren;Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve to accept the termination of employment,with regrets, for Daniel Frost as a firefighter for Sumpter Township. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to pay Ms. Erica Campbell as the Deputy Treasurer on a full-time basis at the hourly compensation of $25.08 per wage hour with available Township benefits, without medical reimbursement. This will be effective July 12th,2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to post, advertise and hire a part-time Treasurer's Office Clerk to fill the current vacancy, subject to the AFSCME collective agreement, not to exceed 29 hours weekly, at a pay rate of $20.74 with identified AFSCME benefits 21 to 29 hours of weekly work. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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WESTLAND

Voters favor incumbents during primary balloting

Last week, Westland voters narrowed the field of candidates who will go on to compete in the general election on Nov. 2.

More than 10,500 ballots were cast in the Primary Election Aug. 3, with 8,115 of those as absentee ballots, according to the office of City Clerk Richard LeBlanc. The top two candidates for the mayoral office, incumbent William R. Wild and Councilwoman Tasha Green along with the top eight city council candidates, incumbents Jim Hart, Peter Herzberg and James Godbout along with candidates Debra Fowlkes, Melissa Sampey, David Cox, Antoinette Martin and Sarah Austin will all advance to the General Election when voters will elect a mayor and four city council representatives.

Official votes tallies show Wild with 6,763 votes, or 64.33percent of the total votes cast with Green receiving 2,500 votes or 23.78 percent of the total. Beier received 1,015 votes, or 9.65 percent while garnered 213 votes or 2.03 percent of the total.

In the city council race, Hart received 4,564 votes or 13.01 percent of the total; Herzberg received 4,499 votes or 12.82 percent of the total while Godbout garnered a total of 4,311 votes or 12.29 percent of the totals. Candidate Fowlkes received a total of 3,280 votes or 9.35 percent; Sampey received 2,660 votes or 7.58 percent; Cox was the choice of 2,523 voters or 7.19 percent; Martin received 2,410 votes or 6.87 percent and Austin received Austin 2,172 votes or 6.19 percent.

Candidate Candi Halton with-2,002 votes or 5.71 percent; Michael Delph with 1,967 votes or 5.61 percent; Josh Powell with 1,624 votes or 4.63 percent and Jon Haddad with 1,289 votes or 3.67 percent will not move on to the November ballot.

Westland voters also approved a new lower library millage by 52.15 percent. A total of 5,418 voters cast yes votes on the question while 4,972 said no. The current operating millage was set to expire in 2022 and the 10-year .85 operating millage rate is less than the expiring level. The new rate will become effective with tax year 2022 and end in tax year 2031. This additional millage will raise approximately $1.45 million in the first year and will provide funding for continued library operations, according to library officials.

Mayor William R. Wild

Helping hands

Members of the Westland Fire Department have organized a Gofundme page on Facebook to help the 33 families displaced by the Aug. 4 fire at Westwood Village Apartments in the city. Firefighters responded beginning at about 11:20 p.m. after a call about smoke in the hallway. Firefighters attempting to evacuate the residents were forced out of the building hallways by the rapidly expanding fire moving through the attic space. Firefighters battled the blaze for 12 hours before bringing it under control. There were no injuries reported, officials said. Affected families lost all their belongings in the blaze. Firefighters, led by Jeffrey Stobbe, organized the page to help the displaced families, hoping to raise $3,000 to help them. Last week, about $10,065 had been collected, officials said, as they thanked all those who contributed.

Authority reappointment is approved

Jason Freese, the co-owner of Norman's Market, has been reappointed to the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Freese's reappointment was confirmed by the members of the Westland City Council during the Aug. 2 meeting. He will serve a four-year term that will expire July 18, 2025.

Freese is a graduate of John Glenn High School and his father served on the original DDA board under Mayor Robert Thomas. During his first term on the DDA, Freese was an active participant in many sub-committees, including a steering committee which is currently developing a comprehensive strategic plan for economic development within the community.

"As a small business owner, Freese brings first hand experience of the needs of the businesses within the DDA," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "He is enthusiastic about making a different in the community and we are happy to have him continue to serve."

The DDA is governed by an 11 member board appointed by the mayor and subject to the approval of city council. Members are appointed to four year terms. Members must reside, work or have ownership interest in property within the DDA District that includes all of Ford Road and Wayne Road south of Ford Road to Glenwood. The DDA promotes and facilitates plans that result in continued development, redevelopment, revitalization and/or reuse of properties within the DDA district boundaries. Regularly scheduled board meetings take place at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at city hall, 36300 Warren Road and are open to the public.

Jason Freese

Anyone interested in serving on a Westland board or commission can find a complete list of vacancies, information, requirements and explanations on each and an application on www.cityofwestland.com.

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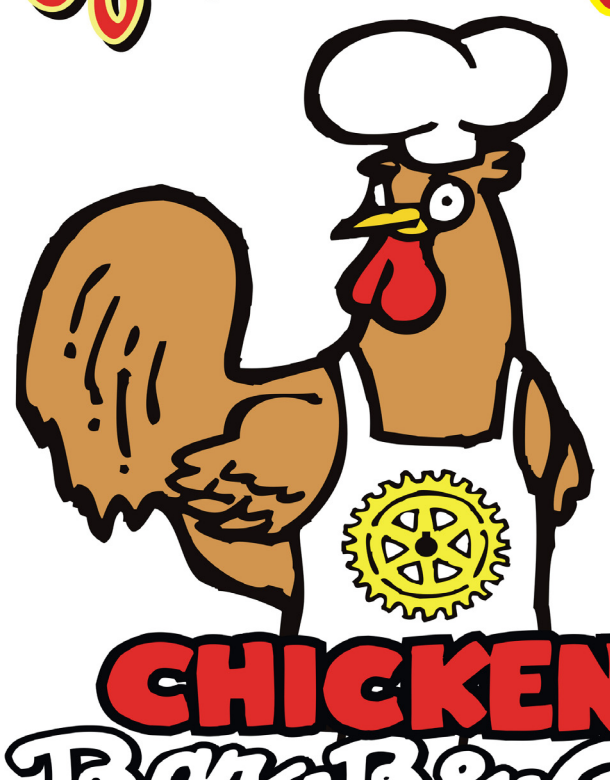

CHICKEN Bar-B-Que

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, Michigan
11:00am - until SOLD OUT
$12.00 Presale $14.00 Day of
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DRIVE THROUGH PICKUP AVAILABLE AT
West Middle School, Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail

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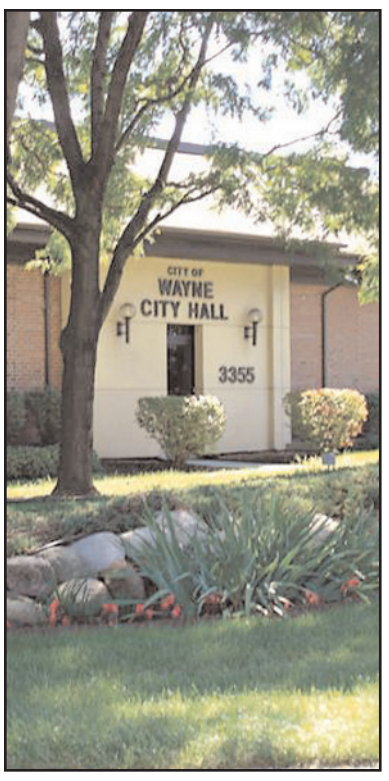

Library rescinding all late book fees

The Wayne Public Library just wants the books back.

Recently, members of the Library Board voted to rescind the late fee on borrowed materials in an effort to have the library operate more efficiently and allow more people to use the library.

In an official statement, the board members said that during the last few years, hundreds of libraries across the country have gone fine-free and seen significant increases both in library materials being returned and in residents using the library again.

"If you have overdue fines on your account from something you've returned late or if you have overdue materials at home right now, just bring back whatever you've checked out and we will waive any overdue fines that might have accrued," the statement added.

The library will still be charging replacement fees for lost or damaged items. Those who use their Wayne library card at another library or check out another library materials, that library may still charge overdue fines, officials added.

"We believe that eliminating overdue fines and increasing access to the library benefits our entire community! For more information, please check out our Fine Free FAQs (https://static1.squarespace.com/.../Fine+Free+FAQs.pdf)" the statement concluded.

Party on

Elvis did not leave the building during a recent party at Independence Village of Plymouth. An Elvis tribute artist arrived to visit residents in a vintage car and interacted with the crowd of residents during a day in the sun. Residents cooled off in several small wading pools after they enjoyed games including volleyball, ring toss, and water unfights. For dinner, the residents enjoyed an "Elvis Eats Southern Style Buffet." The week leading up to the party on Friday was filled with Elvis-themed events including daily Elvis movies, a traveling cart with peanut butter and banana smoothies, a viewing of the way pools and diving boards are made, exercise periods to Elvis tunes, Bingo with Elvis, and a craft with mini beach umbrellas.

Lawsuit

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regarding Blackwell. On March 11, 2019, following an investigation assigned to police Lt. Finley Carter, arrest warrants were issued for Blackwell on charges of stalking and disturbing a public event. Blackwell claims Carter never contacted or interviewed him as part of the investigation into Nocerini's complaints. Blackwell further cites the sworn testimony of a witness who claims that the warrant issued for Blackwell's arrest was the result of personal intervention by Acting Police Chief Ryan Strong in response to influence by Nocerini.

The charge of disturbing the peace was dismissed prior to trial by the prosecutor citing the lack of evidence.

Blackwell was found not guilty of the stalking charge by Judge Richard L. Hammer, Jr. on Oct. 4, 2019. The judge noted that Blackwell's actions were "constitutionally protected" and that Blackwell was "not doing anything out of the norm."

> *No court date has been set in the case which was filed in U.S. District Court on July 23.*

Blackwell is seeking damages from some of the defendants personally as he contends they sought to unlawfully interfere with his "clearly established rights by pursuing and causing others to pursue criminal charges against him." The adverse actions of the defendants, Blackwell claims, subjected him to criminal prosecution and deprivation of liberty and damaged him "by restraining, preventing and impairing his right to free speech in a way likely to chill a person of ordinary firmness from propounding further lawful speech."

During the subsequently dismissed criminal charges against him, Blackwell claims he suffered a deprivation of liberty as he was restricted from appearing at city hall without 48-hours notice.

No court date has been set in the case which was filed in U.S. District Court on July 23. "While we will not talk about the substance of pending litigation, I will state that we look forward to the exoneration of the city and its hard-working employees," said Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa.

In a separate lawsuit filed last month against Nocerini and the city, Sgt. Abraham Hughes also cited the undue influence exerted by Nocerini in the police department. In his lawsuit, Hughes claims Nocerini altered hiring criteria to favor the promotion of Strong to police chief.

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

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